GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL SUPPORTS TO SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to enhance the financial support to outstanding sportspersons living in miserable conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of increase proposed in the salary of these sportspersons;

(c) the criteria laid down for selection of such sportspersons eligible for the financial support;and

(d) the number of sportspersons who availed financial benefit during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The Government has enhanced the financial assistance to sportspersons,living under indigent circumstances,under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons,as per details given below:

(i) Eligibility Ceiling for outstanding sportspersons in indigent circumstances revised from Rs.36,000 per annum to Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.

(ii) Assistance for fatal injury to sportsperson raised from Rs.1.00 lakh to Rs.5.00 lakh.

(iii) Assistance for sustaining injury other than a fatal injury enhanced from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(iv) Pension for permanently incapacitated outstanding sportsperson increased from Rs.2500 per month to Rs.10,000 per month.

(v) Pension in other cases enhanced from Rs.2,000 per month to Rs.8,000 per month.

(vi) Assistance to families of indigent sportspersons increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(vii) Assistance for medical treatment increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(viii) Assistance to eminent coaches, referees and umpires enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs.50,000.

(c) An outstanding sportspersons or sportspersons living in indigent circumstances, are eligible for financial support under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.Under the Scheme, a sportsperson has been defined,as a person who takes part in competitive sports at National Level (Senior, Junior or Sub-Junior), and works for achieving excellence and a high level of performance, and also for promotion and development of sports in the country.An `Outstanding Sportsperson` has been defined as a person,who has achieved a position within first 3 in individual events,or within first 2 in team events,in a recognized National Championship, or one who represents or has represented the country,in an International Competition at least twice.

(d) The number of sportspersons who have availed financial benefit during last three years and current year is given below:-

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Number of Sportspersons	47	42	34	30